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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 24-26 as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

25. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

26. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

Please add newly submitted Claims 27-35 as follows:

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- 27. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.
- 28. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.
 - 29. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.
- 30. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.
- 31. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.